

June 25, 2008

Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

**Anesthesiologists, EPSDT, Podiatrists,
Dentists (billing medical procedures), Physicians,
Lab and X-Ray, Mid-Level Practitioners,
QMB Chiropractors, Public Health Clinics,
Psychiatrists, Independent Diagnostic Testing
Facilities, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy,
Occupational Therapy, Audiologists, Optometrists,
Opticians, School-Based Services, Psychologists,
Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors**

Multiple Conversion Factors for RBRVS Providers

Effective July 1, 2008, Montana's Healthcare Programs will be using four conversion factors to calculate payment for services rendered by RBRVS providers. The four conversion factors will affect the following provider types and are listed below:

- Anesthesiology Services: CPT codes 00100 - 01999. The conversion factor is \$26.25.
- Physician Services: EPSDT, podiatry, dentist (billing medical procedures), physician, lab and x-ray, mid-level practitioners, QMB chiropractors, public health clinics, psychiatrists, and independent diagnostic testing facilities. The conversion factor is \$37.82.
- Allied Services: physical therapy, speech therapy, audiologist, occupational therapy, optometrist, optician, schools. The conversion factor is \$30.01.
- Mental Health Services: psychologist, social workers, licensed professional counselors. The conversion factor is \$25.54.

The use of these conversion factors will be based on the rendering provider type on the claim.

Payments to providers are calculated using the rate of reimbursement based on the procedure code multiplied by the conversion factor, as well as relative value units (RVUs) and policy adjusters when appropriate. Revised fee schedules reflecting these conversion factors will be posted on www.mtmedicaid.org.

These changes are a result of 2007 legislation, which included targeted funding.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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